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COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT FOR A FAIL-SAFE
START-UP MECHANISM FOR
CLIENTS OF A LICENSE
SERVER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

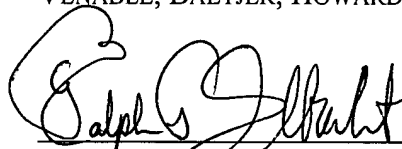
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